

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

THE TABLE.

—Ripe cucumbers make a delicious pickle if pared and sliced in strips, one cucumber making four strips. These are strained and put up precisely as pickled peaches, with spices and vinegar. They will turn dark, but all fruit pickled with spices do that.

—To cook cauliflower, choose white firm ones, pick off the broken or hard leaves and turn the stalk. Plunge it into cold water with a little salt on head downward for an hour. Put it into boiling water and cook until tender; lift it out carefully, pour over it drawn butter or white sauce and serve in a vegetable or covered dish.

—A sick person can be sustained by this when nothing else can be taken: Make a strong cup of coffee, adding boiling milk as usual, only sweetening rather more; take an egg, beat yolk and white thoroughly together; boil the coffee, milk and sugar together; and pour it over the beaten egg in the cup you are going to serve it in. This is often used in hospital service.

—A nice bread pudding can be made by taking slices of bread and buttering them lightly. Put them in a baking-dish; put into 2 ounces of sugar 1 egg (white and yolk), stir in 2 ounces of flour, 1 pint of milk and salt, vanilla or any flavoring desired to taste; pour the whole over the bread and bake a nice brown in a brisk oven. If the bread is very stale, toast a light brown or the pudding will be spoiled.

—An economical receipt for croquettes is as follows: If you have veal soup for dinner, take the meat from the bone and mince it; to 2 cups of minced veal put 2 cups of stale bread soaked in water; then squeeze very dry, mix thoroughly with the minced veal; half a calf's brain boiled soft and mashed mixed with the rest; then season with pepper, summer savory, sweet marjoram, a little butter or cream, yolk of an egg, the grated rind of 1 and the juice of 2 lemons; mold in shape and brown in a skillet with hot lard; chopped parsley and a teaspoonful of finely chopped onions would be a great improvement if not disliked.

—The best kind of apple jelly can be made by using juicy, brittle apples—paring and slicing them, and cooking them in a tin or earthen dish, with water enough to cover them, until they begin to soften; then strain through a thin cloth, but do not squeeze them. Add 1 teacup of sugar to 6 quarts of the liquor, and boil until thick enough, which can be tested by dipping out a little and cooling it. Snow apples make a beautiful, wine-colored jelly of very fine flavor. The flavor and appearance of apple jelly is very much improved by inserting a slice of unpeeled lemon vertically in the center of the glass, before the jelly is quite cool.

—A lady writes to an exchange: Most housekeepers have had their souls harrowed up by the provoking tendency of pie-plant juice to wander in little saccharine rivulets all over the bottom of the oven, instead of remaining quietly in the humble sphere to which the eternal fitness of things assigned it. By experiment I have found out a method which obviates this difficulty, thus effecting a great saving in sugar and temper. My invention, for which I exact no royalty, is as follows: Put the usual quantity of sugar for each pie in a bowl, then add cold water enough to form a liquid mass, also a heaping tablespoonful of flour, stirring it well in; pour this over the pie-plant, add the top crust, and place in a hot oven. The above answers for other kinds of fruit-pies also. I find that rhubarb loses a good deal of its acid flavor by placing it over the fire in a dish of cold water, adding a pinch of soda as soon as it reaches the boiling point. Let it stand a few moments, then drain off the water.

BOTH masculine and feminine pedestrians are wearing out the muscles of their limbs in money-getting, and grave men who have worn out their brains and nervous systems with the self-same object in view do not consider themselves inconsistent when they savagely denounce the men and women walkers. Still, one may better walk themselves lame than to brain-work themselves into the asylum or grave. More moderation all around is desirable.—Foot's Health Monthly for June.

Col. O'Gorman Mahon's Extraordinary Career.

One of the most remarkable men alive, says the London Morning Advertiser, has been added to the roll of members of Parliament by the election of Col. O'Gorman Mahon for the County Clare. It is doubtful whether, outside the record of Munchausen or his many rivals, there is to be traced a more extraordinary career than that of the gallant patriarch, who will resume his seat in the imperial Legislature after a 20 years' interval of absence from it. But it is a longer time than that since the Colonel entered Parliament. He was elected in 1830 by the constituency which adopted him again last Saturday, after nearly 40 years. In the interim the Colonel has amused himself with other than political pursuits. He has fought 18 duels, in six of which he was wounded by the enemy's fire, in seven of which he pinked his man, and in five of which honor was satisfied without hurt to either principal. His affairs of honor were but trivial episodes in the strangely varied and adventurous career of the member for Clare. He began life in 1828—over half a century ago—as one of that "Fighting Brigade" whose duty and delight it was to support at 15 paces or so whatever Mr. Daniel O'Connell said of a political or personal antagonist. Then he went into Parliament. The turn of time found him a journalist in Paris, where, had he been coterminous with the fire-eating Paul de Cassagnac, Greek would assuredly have met Greek. Then he plunged into finance and politics, and disported in the troubled waters of both. Having skimmed the cream of old world excitements, he set out like a knight errant in quest of fresh exploits. His search met with more success than falls to the lot of the crowd. Joining the Peruvian army he rose to the rank of Commander-in-Chief. There was a question of appointing him President of the republic, but he evaded the perilous eminence by throwing up his exalted position in a fit of ennui and passing into the naval service of Chili, the neighboring State. The ex-Generalissimo of the Peruvian land forces actually became Lord High Admiral of the Chilean fleet—such as it was. Col. O'Gorman is a cousin of Maj. O'Gorman—a fact which will not render him less welcome to all who appreciate rollicking humor and a natural geniality which is altogether above the petty spitefulness of Irish "national" politics. The Colonel is a Home-ruler, of course, but we doubt if he will identify himself with the obstructive section of that party. He is full of fire and vigor, in spite of his age, but if he has the energy of a partisan he has the instincts and habits of a gentleman. His adventures should make a singularly interesting memoir, and if he would only leave politics to his colleagues and oblige the world, we should welcome from his own hand the story of his life from year to year.

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